

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE



Biography

Fred W. Klass

Mr. Fred Klass is the Chief Operating Officer for the California Department of Finance, where he has worked for 20 years developing and administering budgets for state programs in a wide variety of areas including natural resources, environmental protection, energy, capital outlay, courts, higher education, local mandates, and information technology. As Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Klass is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Department's various units and ensuring the efficient functioning of the organization.

Mr. Klass formerly served as a consultant to members of the state Senate Budget Committee. He has also served as Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations for the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, managing state and federal governmental relations offices, representing the office before the Legislature, and managing contracted representation in Washington, D.C. Additionally, he spent four years evaluating governmental program effectiveness and efficiency for the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy (Little Hoover Commission).

Mr. Klass holds a master's degree in public administration from California State University, Sacramento, and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley.